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Mayor Belen Fernandez
City of Dagupan, Philippines
Dagupan City Hall Complex
A.B. Fernandez Avenue
Dagupan City, 2400 Philippines

Dear Mayor Fernandez,

Greetings from Milpitas and Best Wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year to you and the people of Dagupan! This is a marvelous time to look forward to our goals and equally good time to review our accomplishments. I hope that all of your business endeavors, especially progress on the development of a new Dagupan City Hall, are productive and meet your city's future progress.

City of Milpitas staff were pleased to demonstrate our processes, policies and developments to your staff this past September. It was a week a learning for both Milpitas and Dagupan adults as well as students.

Regarding the student visit this past September, and looking forward to another visit in September or October 2018, I wanted to take this opportunity to note an important area of improvement for both our cities. As you know, Milpitas staff works diligently to prepare advance itineraries for both your approval and use in obtaining visas. This is an important step between our cities because the itineraries provide the guidance to our host parents and Milpitas High School staff.

The City of Milpitas values the safety and well-being of our visiting sister city students. This is the most important aspect of the student visit and the reason the Student Itinerary is held in strict regard. It is our hope that your Dagupan staff will respectfully follow future itineraries. Specifically, during the visit with scheduled school and host family activities, we cannot have visiting students removed from the school without prior arrangement.

The Milpitas High School is an integral part of this student visit. We rely on their support to make the student visit possible. I appreciate their hard work in accommodating our sister city relationship and the time they provide to Dagupan staff and students. All coordination with school officials and administration is expected to go through Milpitas staff for clarity and to achieve timely responses.

In 2018, I hope we will achieve even greater understanding and regard of our two cities! Thank you, Mayor Fernandez, for the continuity you've provided to maintain a healthy and prosperous sister city relationship.

Sincerely,



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